

August 2019

Erin's Lovely Home

Author Unknown

Follow this and additional works at: https://egrove.olemiss.edu/kgbsides_uk



Part of the [Folklore Commons](#), and the [Music Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Unknown, Author, "Erin's Lovely Home" (2019). *Broadside Ballads: England*. 374.
https://egrove.olemiss.edu/kgbsides_uk/374

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Kenneth S. Goldstein Collection: Broadside Ballads at eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in Broadside Ballads: England by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact egrove@olemiss.edu.



ERIN'S LOVELY HOME

Ryle and Co., Printers, 2 & 3, Monmouth Court,
Seven Dials.

WHEN I was young and in my prime, my age just
twenty-four,

When I became a servant to a gentleman;
served him true and honest, it's very well known,
But cruelly he banished me from Erin's lovely home.

The reason he did banish me, I mean to let you hear,
I own I loved his daughter, and she loved me as dear;
She had a heavy fortune, but riches I had none,
And that's the reason I must go from Erin's lovely home.

It was in her Father's garden, all in the month of June,
When viewing of those flowers all in their youthful bloom
She said my dearest William, if with me you will roam,
We'll bid adieu to all our friends, and Erin's lovely home

That very night I gave consent along with her to go,
From her father's dwelling place, which proved my overthrow
The night being bright, by the moonlight we both set off
alone,

Thinking we'd get safe away from Erin's lovely home.

When we came to Belfast, by the break of day,
My true love she got ready our passage for to pay,
Five thousand pound she counted down, saying this shall
be your own,
And never mourn for those you've left in Erin's lovely home.

But of our great misfortune I mean to let you hear,
It was a few hours after, her father did appear,
And marched me back to Omer gaol, in the county of Tyrone
And there I was transported from Erin's lovely home.

When I heard my sentence, it grieved my heart full sore,
And parting from my true love, it grieved me ten times more,
I had seven links on my chain, and every link a year.
Before I can return again to the arms of my dear.

Before the rout came to the gaol to take us all away,
My true love came to me, and these words to me did say,
Bear up your heart, don't be dismay'd, I will not you disown
Until I do return again to Erin's lovely home.

Don't beto o Particular



DON'T be too particular
When you come to woo.
Set aside your spectacles
Worthy bachelors, do!
When wives are young and dutiful
Honeymoon's pleasure abound;
But who would wish for a beautiful
Honeymoon all the year round?
Then don't be too particular,
But be hidd and true;
Don't looh out for miracles
Very few wise men do.

Then there comes a prattler,
All your days delight;
In your ears a rattler,
Keeps you awhe ali night;
Having all day been labouring,
Tired and fagged as a horse,
Alas, such piping and tab'ring
Is very unpleasant of course:
Yet don't be too particular,
And or "When will it stop!"
But cover your head with a pillow
And sleep away like a top.

Then there comes a boy or two,
How they increase your joys!
Each must have a toy or too.
But you soon get used to their noise
Tom on the fiddle is strumming,
Down he trips on the floor,
Over Jack who is fising and drumming,
And both of them set up a roar.
But don't be too particular!
Though his no e he break,
A bit of brown paper and vinegar
Will make it all right in a week.

When your children growing us
Try to make you amends,
All their lessons showing up
Bore your visiting friends.
Clawing climbing tumbling
Chattering squalling in tears,
Guests though frowning and grzmbli
Praise the sweet little dears.
But don't be too particular
o' lildren are sweeter than life,
And if you woul^d have peace
Never offend your wife.

Life is like a lottery
Married men are wise i
The timid who won't have a ticket
can never expect a prize.
I'm not quite a dunce,
And I offer my advice,
If you have thought of it once,
I'd have you think on't twice.
But don't be too particular!
But keep your courage an
ollow my rule and example
F And you'll be happy man.